बसाने के प्रयोजनार्थ वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम 1980 के तहत अतिरिक्त 1500 है० आरक्षित वन भूमि के अंतरण का एक प्रस्ताव महाराष्ट्र राज्य सरकार से 23-10-1992 को प्राप्त हुआ है ।

(ग) प्रस्ताव की ध्यानपूर्वक जांच करने के बाद इसे वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के तहत 1-2-1993 को रद्द कर दिया गया है ।

Action Plan for Popularising the Brick manufacturing from Fly Ash

1743. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn any action plan for popularising the brick manufacturing from fly ash;

(b) if so, whether co-ordination committee has been established consisting of representative of scientific institutions of CSIR and Thermal Power authorities; and

(c) the details thereof whether any further funds have been allocated to upgrade the technique to reduce cost of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Ministry of Environment & Forests has requested the State Governments to prepare Perspective Action Plan for fly ash utilisation. The Department of Power had set up a Working Group in March, 1990 for fly ash utilisation which included Members from concerned Ministries of the Government of India and State Governments, Planning Commission and also representatives from Governmental/autonomous organisations and manufacturers of building materials.

(c) No funds have been allocated to upgrade the technology, but fiscal incentives are given for utilisation of fly ash in building materials.

Militancy Hampering Project Tiger

1744. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Tribune dated January 25, 1993 captioned "Militancy hampering Project Tiger";

(b) what is Government's assessment about the extent to which militancy is hampering project tiger operations; and

(c) what was the population of the different species of tigers and other big cats in different reserves under the "Project Tiger" ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Except in Manas, the problem of militancy is peripheral in the four Tiger Reserves namely, Corbet, Dudhwa, Nagarjunsagar and Indravati Tiger Reserves.

(c) The estimated population of tigers and leopards as per 1989 census was 1327 and 909 respectively.

Deforestation in Kumaon Region

1745. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SMT. VEENA VERMA :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned "Kumaon heading for disaster" in the

Times of India dated 30th December, 1992, stating that Kumaon region faces grave ecological imbalance due to large scale falling of trees ; and

(b) if so, whether in view of the devastations caused by the enormous earthquake that hit the Uttarkashi region last year, Government have taken any effective steps to prevent further degradation of the forests in the area, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No large scale destruction and denudation of forests is reported in the Kumaon Range of the Himalayas. Steps taken by the Government to prevent degradation of forests in the area are :

(i) Government of Uttar Pradesh has banned felling of green trees above 1000 m altitude in hilly and mountainious regions.

(ii) The forests (conservation) Act, 1980 was enacted to check the diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes.

(iii) Guidelines have also been issued to States to involve village communities in protection of forests on usufruct basis.

(iv) The G. B. Pant Himalayan Institute for Environment and Development is engaged in research and development studies.

Tiger population under Project Tiger

1746. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SMT. VEENA VERMA :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the success achieved in protecting preserving and promoting the Tiger population under 'Project Tiger' decade-wise; and the latest State-wise Tiger population figures;

(b) the expenditure incurred on this project since the project was undertaken; and

(c) the precise steps taken and being taken to achieve the objectives of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) A statement is attached. [*See* below]

(b) The total central assistance released from 1973 till date is Rs. 43.078 crores.

(c) The steps taken to attain the objectives of the project are as under :

(*i*) Intensification of management.

(ii) Improvement of infrastructure.

(ii) Development of Communication facilities.

(iv) Habitat improvement works undertaken.

(v) Development of water facilities.

(vi) Works under Eco-development scheme have been initiated.

(vii) Undertaking Education and awareness programme.

Statement

The tiger population registered steady rise in the Tiger Reserves as per details as under:

Year	No. of Tiger Reserves	Tiger Population
1972 . .	9	268
1979 . .	11	711
1987 . .	17	1221
1989 . .	18	1327